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TOWN MEETING WARNING.

The legal voters in Town Meeting of Montpelier, in the County of Washington and State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at Capital Hall, in said Montpelier, on Tuesday, the 6th day of March A. D., 1883, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following business, to wit:

1st. To Elect a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
2d. " " " Town Clerk.
3d. To receive and act on the Report of Selectmen.
4th " " " Overseer of Poor.
5th. " " " Town Treasurer.
6th. " " " Trustees of Surplus Fund.
7th. " " " Town Auditors.
8th. " " " Town Liquor Agent.
9th. " " " Superintendent of Common Schools.
10th. " " " Commissioners of Green Mount Cemetery. and fill all vacancies in said Board.
11th. To Elect three, four or five Selectmen.
12th. " A Treasurer.
13th. " An Overseer of the Poor.
14th. " A First Constable.
15th. " A Second Constable.
16th. " Three, four or five Listers or Assessors.
17th. " Three Auditors.
18th. " One or more Trustees of Public Money.
19th. " Three Fence Viewers.
20th. " One or more Grand Jurors.
21st. " One or more Inspectors of Leather.
22d. " A Pound Keeper for each Pound.
23d. " A Surveyor of Highways for each Highway District.
24th. " An Agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested.
25th. " Such number of Petit Jurors as may be nominated by the Board of Civil Authority.
26th. " A Superintendent of Common Schools.
27th. " Commissioners of Streets and Highways.
28th. " All other Town Officers required by law.
29th. To vote for County Commissioner under the law of 1852.
30th. To see if the Town will abate the Poll Taxes of Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies.
31st. To see if the Town will abate the Poll Taxes of the State Militia.
32d. To see if the Town will vote a Highway Tax to be paid in Money, for the repairs of Highways and Bridges.
33d. To see if the Town will vote to raise Money on the Grand List to pay the Debts and Expenses of the Town, including the interest on its bonds, and any appropriations which may be made.
34th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of an act entitled, An act Relating to the collection of Taxes, approved December 23, 1880.
35th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money to pay any immediate liability of the Town.
36th. To transact any other proper legal business.

J. W. ELLIS,
W. C. WALKER, } Selectmen.
CLARK KING.

Montpelier, Vt., February 21st, 1883.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer for expenses the past year, as follows:

1882.			
March	8	Clark King, services of the Selectmen 1881 and 1882	$ 75 00
		J. C. Houghton, services as Treasurer,	50 00
		J. A. Page, services of Auditors 1882,	15 00
		George S. Hubbard, services as Overseer of the Poor 1881 and 1882,	250 00
	9	L. B. Cross, water at highway,	3 00
	11	George S. Hubbard, amount due as per report of Auditors,	11 44
		Horace Mills, as Street Commissioner in 1881 and 1882,	2 00
		Hiram S. Smith, labor as Street Commissioner in 1881 and 1882,	67 32
	24	Gospel Fund, Congregational Society,	17 15
		" Methodist Society,	17 15
		" Episcopal Society,	17 15
		" Unitarian Society,	17 15
		" Baptist Society,	17 15
		" Catholic Society,	17 15
		C A. Reed, school money, Union District,	2,108 94
		D. R. Gray, " No. 6, Montpelier,	215 18
		A. W. Bailey, " No. 8, Montpelier and East Montpelier,	98 28
		A. A. Owen, " No. 7, Montpelier and Middlesex	118 06
	24	Otis H. Alden, " No. 6, Montpelier and Middlesex,	14 49
		George W. Dodge, " No. 6, Berlin and Montpelier,	42 05
April	4	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
	17	Hiram Carlton, record of births and deaths in Union School District,	14 40
		Devereaux & Meserve, liquor bill,	108 10
May	2	Vermont Reform School, care of T. Badord,	6 29
		Vermont Reform School, support of W. Hubbard.	6 29
	6	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
		George W. Reed, Treasurer, rent of Town Clerk's office,	25 00
	12	Joseph Poland, printing Town Reports,	31 28
	18	J. S. Weeelock. lumber for Poor Farm,	3 32
	29	T. R. Merrill, making tax bills,	15 75
June	3	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	200 00
	5	Devereaux & Meserve, liquor bill,	337 73
	13	D. W. Dudley, for expenses and care of taking George J. Hubbard to Brattleboro,	29 81
		M. S. Goodwin grading and moving side walk on 1st Avenue,	28 50
	17	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	200 00

June	17	George W. Reed, Treasurer, county tax for 1881,	$355 08
May	18	H. A. Blanchard & Co., liquor bill,	106 95
June	24	Blanchard Bro's., bill of nails of 1881,	4 50
	29	W. H. Lombard, for labor and repairs on highway,	121 50
	30	T. Marvin, materials for drain, 1881,	27 09
July	1	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	200 00
	7	Clark King, Street Commissioner,	300 00
		George S. Hubbard, services in suit Berlin *vs.* Town of Montpelier,	3 00
		D. W. Dudley, services in suit of State street extension,	4 88
	8	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	100 00
	10	Montpelier and Wells River railroad, drawing stone for repairs of roads,	32 00
		Montpelier and Wells River railroad, for use of derrick, in 1881,	5 00
	11	E. D. Hyde, bill of nails, cement, etc.,	45 03
	12	Devereaux & Merserve, bill of liquors,	94 62
	21	Ira Andrews, bill of lumber furnished,	
		H. S. Smith, Street Commissioner in 1881,	57 94
	27	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
Aug.	1	Vermont Reform School, for support of W. Hubbard and T. Badord,	13 00
	5	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
	7	B. Daley, for drawing sand for sidewalks.	17 00
	12	T. J. Keegan, for services as Police,	4 00
	19	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
		John L. Tuttle, Police services on Circus Days,	12 00
Sept.	2	J. M. Brown, for bill of lumber,	66 05
	4	T. C. Kelton, highway tax on lease land in East Montpelier,	75 42
	8	G. S. West, for repairing concrete walks,	25 40
	18	Devereaux & Meserve, bill of liquors,	180 85
	20	W. W. Prescott, bill for printing check list and notice,	15 75
	27	J. C. Spear, labor on drain on School street in 1881,	13 69
	28	W. H. Lombard, gravel for road,	6 00
	30	C. J. Gleason, services of the Board of Listers,	425 99
Oct.	3	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
	4	C. DeF. Bancroft, services for making check list,	25 00
	7	Dennis Lane & Co., bill of lumber,	25 41
		T. J. Keegan, services for the Town,	7 00
		Calvin L. Bullock, services and labor in the Elm street cemetery,	15 50
	13	F. G. Tullidge & Co., bill of liquor,	101 94
	18	Alex Campbell, for work on highway,	5 00
	21	Willard C. Walker, Street Commissioner,	100 00
	27	W. H. Lombard, labor on highway,	34 91
		W. H Lombard, bill of lumber.	13 50
Nov.	1	Reform School for support of W. Hubbard and T. Badord,	13 00
	11	Blanchard Bro's. bill of drain pipe on Mechanic street drain,	212 07
	16	Joseph Bradish, labor on highway,	23 15
	17	J. W. Ellis, rent of Capital Hall,	50 00
	27	W. C. Walker, Street Commissioner,	184 97
	29	H. S. Towne, labor on highway,	9 35

Dec.	5	Devereaux & Meserve, bill of liquors,	$170 23
		J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
	6	Vermont Insane Asylum, for support of insane,	540 06
		Joel Dodge, for gravel to repair highway,	10 24
	8	Clark King, Street Commissioner,	125 00
	13	Ira Andrews, bill of lumber for bridge.	201 96
	16	Levi Strong, bill of taxes on poor farm,	13 74
	20	F. M. Kendall, for making State and State school tax bill,	15 50
	26	John W. Clark, for gravel for highway.	10 70
	28	Albert Johonnott, for bill of lumber,	25 11
	29	Bixby & Co., as per bill rendered of 1881,	4 11
1883			
Jan.	3	J. G. Smith & Co., for labor on highway,	7 75
	4	Blanchard Bro's., labor and materials,	57 81
	13	C. T. Sabin, for gravel for roads,	11 60
	17	E. M. Irish, collecting fees on J. R. Langdon tax of 1881,	48 99
	19	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	50 00
	29	Barrows & Peck, material for drains,	90 32
		C. H. Shipmam, for rent of land called Keith's Ledge,	6 00
	30	E. D. Hyde, bill of cement 1881,	2 50
		E. D. Hyde, material for highway,	8 60
	31	Reform School, for support of W. Hubbard and T. Badord,	13 00
Feb.	1	Devereaux & Meserve, bill of liquors,	110 40
		J. S. Wheelock, bill of lumber,	20 00
	2	Lane Manufacturing Company, bill for lumber, bricks, etc., for highways and sidewalks,	318 20
		Sumner Kimball, for curb stone,	19 33
	5	T. R. Merrill, services as Town Clerk,	67 90
	12	Joel Foster, Jr., for services for surveying,	20 00
		John T. Winslow, Montpelier share of expenses on Arch Bridge,	42 72
	17	J. V. Morrow, labor on road,	8 50
		J. C. Houghton, Treasurer, interest on surplus fund,	388 90
	20	D. Taft, services as liquor agent,	300 00
	19	J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner,	102 61
		Rev. Howard F. Hill, services as Superintendent of schools,	24 00
	20	Mooney & Douset, blacksmith's bill,	5 55
		William H. Lombard, labor on road,	32 40
		W. C. Walker, Street Commissioner,	29 19
		Erastus Hubbard, illegal tax,	8 70
		Lane Manufacturing Company, lumber, bricks, etc.,	
		H. S. Smith, Street commissioner 1881 and 1882,	212 13
		Sumner Putnam, medical attendance of G. J. Hubbard, etc.,	7 00
		D. G. Kemp, vaccinating teachers and scholars in Union school,	20 00
		Henry Nutt, winter road 1882 and 1883,	5 00
		T. C. Barrows, illegal tax list of 1881,	8 40
		T. W. McKee, illegal tax list of 1882,	1 74
		George Whitney and George Fox, illegal tax list of 1882,	2 68

Feb.	20	Dan Taylor and Humphrey Campbell, illegal tax list of 1882,	$ 3 48
		J. W. Burke, J. V. Cummins, Henry Soules and Paul Rivers, illegal tax list of 1882,	6 56
		Montpelier and Wells River railroad, illegal tax list of 1881,	212 56
		C. O. Barnes, illegal tax list of 1882.	87
		E. M. Irish, services and commissions and abatements on list of 1882	540 00
		Clark King, Street Commissioner,	226 01
		S. C. Shurtleff, services at Town Agent $142 12, less cash received $47 86,	94 26
		J E. Macomber, medical attendance of G. J. Hubbard,	5 00
		Total,	$11,920 98

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, and vouchers thereof, find the same correct, and they are hereby approved.

H. N. TAPLIN, Jr.,
A. J. SIBLEY, } Auditors.

RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

All materials for highways, bridges, sidewalks and drains.	$1,163 69
Street Commissioners department, for labor,	2,502 38
Liquor and services of Agent,	1,510 82
Insane Asylum and Reform School,	591 58
School and Gospel Fund, and interest on United States deposit,	3,138 80
Salaries of town officers 1881,	390 00
All other expenses including old bills of $428.12 of 1881 and 1882,	963 39
County tax	355 08
Illegal taxes 1881 and 1882,	244 99
Listers' services,	425 99
Collector's services, commissions and abatements on list of 1882,	540 00
Town Agent, attorney fees,	94 26
	$11,920 98

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

The division of school money, made this 25th day of March, A. D. 1882. among the several school districts, and parts of districts, lying in the town of Montpelier, one-third on the district, and two-thirds on the aggregate

attendance of scholars, for the current school year, as provided by law, is as follows:

Union School district, Montpelier,	$2,108 94
No. 6, Montpelier,	215 18
No. 8, Montpelier and East Montpelier,	98 28
No. 7. Montpelier and Middlesex,	118 06
No. 6, Montpelier and Middlesex,	14 49
No. 6, Berlin and Montpelier,	42 05
	$2,597 00

GOSPEL FUND.

The division of the rents of land granted for the use of religious public worship among the several religious societies in Montpelier made the 25th day of March, A. D. 1882, is as follows:

Congregational Society,	$17 15
Methodist Society,	17 15
Unitarian Society,	17 15
Episcopal Society,	17 15
Baptist Society,	17 15
Catholic Society,	17 15
	$102 90

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Liquor on hand February 20, 1882,		$591 85	
Purchases since,	$1,230 27		
Less discounts,	19 45—	1,210 82	
Freights,		20 00	
D. Taft, services as Agent,		300 00—	
			$2,122 67

CREDIT.

Sales, (paid Treasurer)	$1,530 00	
Liquor on hand, February 20, 1883,	570 70—	
		$2,100 70
Excess of Expenses,		$21 97

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

1882.			
Feb. 20.	Balance of taxes unpaid list of 1881,	$4,282 70	
	Town tax list of 1882,	15,864 54	
	Highway tax list of 1882,	6,428 21	
	State School tax list of 1882,	1,920 73	
	Excess of State tax list of 1882,	40 40	
			$28,536 58
	CREDIT.		
	By cash paid Treasurer,	$27,769 56	
	Collections and abatements,	767 02	
			$28,536 58

Abstract of expenses incurred by the Selectmen and Street Commissioners, on highways, bridges, drains and sidewalks:

J. W. Ellis, Street Commissioner, for labor,	$1,202 61
W. C. Walker, Street Commissioner, for labor,	314 16
Clark King, Street Commissioner, for labor,	703 27
M. S. Goodwin, grading and moving sidewalks,	28 50
W. H. Lombard, labor on highway,	202 31
Montpelier and Wells River railroad, drawing stone,	32 00
E. D. Hyde, for nails, cement, etc.,	53 63
B. Daley, for drawing sand,	17 00
J. M. Brown, for lumber,	66 05
G. S. West, for repairing concrete walks,	25 40
Dennis Lane & Co., for lumber,	25 41
Blanchard Brothers, drain pipe and materials for Mechanic street drain and tinning bridge,	269 88
Joseph Bradish, for work on highway,	23 15
H. S. Town for work on highway,	9 35
Joel Dodge for gravel,	10 24
John W. Clark, for gravel,	10 70
C. T. Sabin, for gravel,	11 60
Albert Johonnott, for lumber,	25 11
Ira Andrews, for lumber,	201 96
J. G. Smith & Co., work on highway,	7 75
Barrows & Peck, materials for drains, etc.,	90 32
J. S. Wheelock for lumber,	20 00
Lane Manufacturing Company, lumber, bricks, etc.,	18 20
Sumner Kimball, curb stones,	19 33
J. V. Morrow, work on highway,	8 50
Mooney & Douset, blacksmith bill,	5 55
Alex Campbell, work on highway,	5 00
Henry Nutt, winter road 1882 and 1883,	5 00
	$3,711 98

CREDIT.

To cash paid Town Treasurer, for drain assessments, sidewalks and lumber,	$370 75	
Materials on hand,	18 00—	
		$388 75
Leaving the total expenses of highways, bridges, drains and sidewalks,		$3,341 23

J. W. ELLIS,
W. C. WALKER,
CLARK KING, } Street Commissioners.

The foregoing account examined and approved

H. N. TAPLIN, Jr.,
A. J. SIBLEY, } Auditors.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS.

For reference, we submit the following comparative statement of liabilities:

1882.					
Feb. 25	Total debt,				$145,608.29
22	'83 Bonded debt of 1871,			$90,500 00	
	Funded debt of 1881,			47,300 00	
	U. S. deposit,			6,481 74	
	Reed fund,	Held in trust for Green Mt. Cemetery,		200 00	
	Wood fund,			100 00	
	Cadwell fund,			50 00	
	Prentiss fund,			81 00	
	Marsh fund,			200 00	
	Dog fund,			581 70	
	Floating debt:				
	Interest on trust fund,		$101 20		
	Coupons due and unpaid,		229 25		
	Bonds due Jan. 1, '83, unpaid,		3,100 00		
				3,430 45	
				148,924 89	
	Deduct balance of Treasurer's account,			8,799 33	
					$140,125 56
	Total debt, February 22, 1883,			140,125 56	
	Total reduction of debt past year,				$5,482 73
	As an offset in part to its indebtedness, the town owns the "Town Farm," which, with stock and tools, cost,				$7,000 00

Land on Clay Hill,	$1,200 00
Liquor on hand,	570 70

Of the bonded debt of 1871,

$30,000 00	will fall due	January	1,	1886.
20,500 00	"	"	"	1888.
40,000 00	"	"	"	1891.
$90,500 00				

Of the funded debt of 1881,

$23,800	is redeemable	after	Jan.	1,	'86,	and will mature	Jan. 1,	1901.
23,500	"	"	"	"	'88,	" "	"	1903.
$47,300								

ESTIMATES FOR 1883-4.

Floating debt,	3,430 45	
Interest on bonded debt,	8,700 00	
Interest on U. S. deposit,	388 90	
Current expenses for ensuing year (ordinary,)	1,800 00	
Care of the poor,	2,000 90	16,319 35
Deduct balance of Treasurer's account,		8,799 33
Amount to be provided for		$7,520 02

The Grand list of 1882 was $31,729 08.

An act of the Legislature, approved November 29, 1882, directs an assessment of fifteen cents on the dollar of Grand List for highway tax, if the towns vote to collect same in money. We recommend in addition, a tax of thirty cents to provide for all expenses of year ensuing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ELLIS,
W. C. WALKER, } Selectmen.
CLARK KING,

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SURPLUS FUND.

The amount of the fund held by your Trustees from the distribution on the census of 1880 was $6,481 74, for which the Trustees hold the notes of the town. The Selectmen have drawn an order on the Town Treasurer for the benefit of the public school money for the amount of interest due, $388 90, to be divided by law on the last Tuesday of March, 1883.

J. W. ELLIS,
W. C. WALKER, } Trustees.
CLARK KING,

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

TOWN of MONTPELIER,

In account with E. M. IRISH.

Town farm, after deducting sale of produce,	$522 25	
Town of Montpelier for transient poor and necessary expenses,	74 55	
Richard Dodge and wife,	41 73	
Joseph J, Young,	8 45	
John Marcott,	98 75	
John Gonyeau,	3 96	
Mary Gero,	30 00	
Abigial Sanders,	5 50	
Julia Leveine,	26 00	
Peter Nathan,	22 00	
Luman Pearsons,	7 97	
Peter Carr,	8 00	
Appleton Fitch,	420 91	
Peter McMannis,	7 00	
John Matthews,	14 63	
Mrs. Moses Yatter,	6 80	
Mrs. Benjamin Spinard,	122 10	
Peter Crapo,	67 00	
Joseph Bartlett,	4 38	
Joseph Sterling,	1 50	
William Nailor,	1 50	
Ellen M. Reed,	40 57	
Transient,	6 55	
Miss Dell,	80 44	
Mrs. Estes,	6 15	
Francis Labeshire,	3 40	
Mrs. Pearsons,	7 00	
William Kelley,	7 70	
Mrs. M. George,	2 22	
Mrs. Mary Starr,	41 60	
		$1 690 61
To balance of 1882 accounts		49 53
		$1 740 14
Balance due town,		59 86
		$1 800 00

1883 Credit.

By amount received Town Treasurer,	$1 800 00	
Expenses of poor for 1882 and 1883, including use of farm,	1 690 61	
Less paid Treasurer from Estes fund	62 28	$1 628 33

DOCTOR'S BILLS.

H. E. Templeton,	$28 00	
J. M. Templeton,	40 00	
S. Putnam,	16 70	
W. D. Reid,	3 00	
G. E. Maloy,	55 10	
		$142 80
Miss Dell, Putnam $33 00, Maloy $36 60,	$69 60	
Mrs. Estey, Templeton $3 00, Putnam $1 50,	4 50	
A. Fitch, Templeton $1 00, Putnam $5 00, H. E. Templeton $16 00,	22 00	
Joseph Young, Templeton $3 00, Putnam $1 05,	4 05	
Mrs. Starr, Putnam $8 40, Maloy $1 00,	9 40	
Patrick McMannis, Putnam 75 cents, Maloy $1 50,	2 25	
Richard Dodge, Maloy,	10 00	
Reed child, Maloy,	2 00	
Ellen M. Reed, Templeton,	12 00	
Marcott child, Maloy,	4 00	
Mrs. Benjamin Spinard, Reid,	3 00	
		$142 80

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts, and vouchers therefor, find the same correct, and they are hereby approved.

A. J. SIBLEY,
H. N. TAPLIN, Jr., } Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. HOUGHTON, Treasurer,

In account with Town of Montpelier.

DEBIT.

To cash balance reported February 25, 1882,			$ 29 45
received of E. M. Irish, Collector,			28,536 58
State Treasurer, (Savings Bank tax),			1,135 24
Trustees United States Deposit (interest),			388 90
Account of sales of liquor,			1,530 00
temporary loan,			5,000 00
Gospel and School fund,			160 50
Dog fund,			76 50
Funded loan of 1881,	$23,500 00		
premium on same,	822 60		
			$24,322 60
fines and costs,			12 30

Sundry accounts.			
	Kirkland family,	$88 15	
	Mary O. Estes fund,	62 28	
	Drain assessments,	250 00	
	Licenses,	16 00	
	Street Commissioners,	120 75	
	Montpelier and Wells River railroad State tax list of '81,	40 75	
	Judgment, Berlin *v.* Montpelier,	300 00	
			$877 93
			$62,070 00

CREDIT.

By cash paid Selectmen's orders, old,	$ 4 90	
" " " new,	11,920 98	
		$11,925 88
By cash paid Justices' orders,		9 50
Overseer of Poor,		1,800 00
Bonds due January 1, 1883,		21,400 00
Temporary loan,		8,250 00
Interest temporary loan,	$ 208 07	
" Bonded debt of 1871,	8,162 00	
" Funded debt of 1881,	1,190 00	
" Discount on taxes,		
" paid before June 16, '82,	315 22	
		$9,875 29
Account of "dog fund," paid to order E. H. Chase,		10 00
February 22, 1883, Balance account,		8,799 33
		$62,070 00

MONTPELIER, VT., February 22, 1883.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, with vouchers for the same, and find that there is a balance of eighty-seven hundred ninety-nine and thirty-three hundredths dollars ($8,799 33) in hands of the Treasurer. We further certify that the Treasurer holds in trust for the Green Mount Cemetery a note for three thousand dollars, ($3,000), secured by mortgage, on which he has received and paid over to the Commissioners interest to February 1, 1883, as per their receipt exhibited to us.

A. J. SIBLEY,
H. N. TAPLIN, JR., } Auditors.

COMMISSIONERS OF GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY.

In account with TOWN OF MONTPELIER.

1882.		DR.	
Feb. 24	To balance cash on hand,	$ 787 70	
	Cash from sale of lots,	507 00	
	Langdon and Kellogg fund,	150 00	
	Grass,	5 00	
	Old Cart,	15 00	$1,464 70
		CR.	
	By S. Kimball, "curbing,"	50 00	
	J. G. Smith & Co., teaming,	5 00	
	Account Books,	45	
	Draft lumber,	4 90	
	Insurance, Vermont Mutual,	2 31	
	Barrows & Peck, drain pipe,	17 70	
	D. A. Guptil, painting hearse,	17 00	
	J. Lapoint, repairing hearse,	1 00	
	Ira Snow, for work,	83 75	
	" " for manure,	25 00	
	Work on Avenues and grounds,	350 36	
	Balance cash on hand,	907 23	$1,464 70

GEORGE C. SHEPARD,
J. A. PAGE,
P. P. PITKIN,
J. C. EMERY,
C. T. SABIN,
} Commissioners.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of the Commissioners of Green Mount Cemetery and compared the same with the vouchers for charges therein made, and find the same correct, with a balance of cash in the hands of the Commissioners, to be hereafter accounted for, of $907 23.

H. N. TAPLIN, JR.,
A. J. SIBLEY,
} Auditors

Montpelier, February 20, 1883.

LAW AGENT'S REPORT.

The suit by the Town of Berlin against the Town of Montpelier, to determine the settlement of a pauper, one Elizabeth Alexander, resulted in favor of Montpelier, and the town of Berlin has paid the expenses. The suit of Robinson Templeton against the town has been tried in the Supreme Court, but as yet not decided. The referee reported he was entitled to recover one thousand dollars, if anything, and there is doubtless some diversity of opinion among the Judges as to the law applicable to the case.

The case of E. D. Putnam *et al* against the town, brought for the purpose of removing a portion of the Arch building, was reported favorably for the petitioners by the commissions, and, in accordance with the instructions given its officers by the town, exceptions were filed and testimony has been taken bringing the question directly before the Court.

No new suits to which the town is a party or interested in have been brought during the year. S. C. SHURTLEFF, Town Agent.

[The person who casts this ballot should erase one of the words "Yes" or "No," so that the word not erased, will indicate t he voter's choice.]

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

FIRST ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

SEC. 1. The Representatives having met on the day appointed by law for the commencement of a biennial session of the General Assembly, and chosen their Speaker, and the Senators having met, shall, before they proceed to business, take and subscribe the following oath, in addition to the oath now prescribed: "You, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you did not at the time of your election to this body, and that you do not now, hold any office of profit or trust under the authority of Congress, so help you God, (or in case of affirmation,) under the pains and penalties of perjury."

SEC. 2. The words "office of profit or trust under the authority of Congress" shall be construed to mean any office created directly or indirectly by Congress, and for which emolument is provided from the treasury of the United States.

YES
or
NO.

SECOND ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

SEC. 1. The Secretary of State and Auditor of Accounts shall be elected by the freemen of the State upon the same ticket with the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Treasurer.

SEC, 2. The legislature shall carry this article into effect by appropriate legislation.

YES
or
No.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The schools of the town have been exempt from any grave sickness, such as swept through them in the preceding school year, though two have been interrupted by a run of minor difficulties. The teachers have also had good health, though Misses Elizabeth F. Sweet and Julia M. Houghton have suffered some interruption in their work. Miss Alice H. Guernsey substituted acceptably for the former. One school underwent six changes in the year, from causes which could not have been anticipated. It is now working satisfactorily.

The schools in the three out-lying districts have done well. The buildings are reasonably convenient and sufficient for the comfort of those in attendance. I have made suggestions that better blackboards and reference books be provided. It is not possible to furnish too much blackboard room, and it seems absurd to find glazed wooden blackboards in a region where slate of good quality is in such abundance. The use of blackboards is too obvious to need argument here. I find that they make scholars better in map drawing, more proficient in writing, and noticeably neater and more careful where good accommodations for such work are given. The board work is before scholars and visitors, while that on paper mainly comes under the eye of the teacher. For other reasons which I might name, liberality in this direction is real economy.

The roll of teachers is as follows: Principal, J. Raymond Brackett; Preceptress, Mary P. Sturgis; Assistant, Flora M. Terrill; Lucia M. Alvord, Lella A. Webster, Etta S. Chamberlain, Martha E. Abbott, Julia M. Houghton, and Elizabeth F. Sweet, of the Union district.

Miss Sturgis took the place of Miss Helen M. Reynolds; Miss Alvord, of Miss Ella F. VanDeusen; Miss Webster of Miss Hattie I. Joslin, and Miss Chamberlain of Miss Mary E. Joslin. While the loss of these faithful and experienced ladies is to be regretted, the new teachers have done admirable work.

Misses Rose L. Sumner, Eva G. Cummins and Emma J. Grout are the present teachers in numbers six and seven and "the Nutt District." Their schools have been well conducted.

The Superintendent feels as if he were not a eompetent critic of professional teachers. He has never "wielded the birch" himself, and methods have changed materially since he was a subject of that sceptre. He has expended more time than in the former year, when he gave as little atttention as was possible in compliance with imperative and formal duties. His observation tells him that there is an honest effort to do faithful work by every teacher. Some parents have expressed the opinion that the course of study is overloaded, and that scholars are pressed too hard. Considering the requirements of progress, and that so many are early withdrawn from school and put at work, he cannot assent to this view; while he admits that in certain cases delicate scholars may have carried too much burden, which is inseparable from any school system.

The spring examination generally finds twenty candidates, at the least, for certificates to teach. Some come in "to try;" others to "see the papers," and some with the consent of Superintendents of towns in other counties. At the last meeting of the Washington County Superintendents, it was

agreed that no certificates from other towns in the county should be indorsed. For economic reasons I have consented to examine candidates from other places, not intending to teach in this town. It has seemed unjust to refuse to receive such persons, especially when studying in town, and put them to serious inconvenience also. But the pressure in the time allowed has been such that to pass intelligently on the papers, I have had to call Mr. Brackett to my aid, that a decision might be made promptly and justly. Without such help it would be impossible to do so. No certificate has been issued unless fairly earned. And while some hard cases have come up, the rule has been stoutly adhered to, that a certificate from this town should represent more than the formal appearance of a person, or the favor of the examiner, attesting scholarship fully up to the minimum mark demanded. Very few certificates have ranged as low as seventy per centum, the average going over eighty and ninety, with some well up towards perfect.

If any school has been faulted in which the head held a certificate from Montpelier, its cause cannot be laid to the scholastic acquirements of whoever held it. It is falsehood to license incompetency, and it is no charity even to a needy person, much less to those over whom she will be put, to send out any one as a pensioner on the public school system, which is not meant for purposes of charity, or to aid the self-respecting under false pretences. The scholars, as well as the would-be teacher, must be regarded mercifully.

HOWARD F. HILL,
Town Superintendent.

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